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Applicant: Kaminkow et al.

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Title: GAMING DEVICE WITH AWARD AND DEDUCTION PROXIMITY-BASED SOUND EFFECT FEATURE

Art Unit: 3713

Examiner: Scott E. Jones

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 34 to 64, 69 to 115, and 118 to 130 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This Response to Final Office Action is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2002. Claims 34 to 130 are pending in the application for the present invention. Claims 34 to 64, 69 to 115, and 118 to 130 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Examiner allowed Claims 65 to 68 and Claims 116 to 117. Claims 65 to 68, and 116 to 117 are patentably distinguished over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 34 to 49, 53 to 61, 74 to 88, 92 to 100, 104 to 110, 113 to 114, 119 to 125, and 128 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Beall et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,974,857). The Examiner rejected Claims 50 to 52, 62 to 64, 69